

(b) The present level of production of these commodities during 1990-91 is as under:-

(Million Tonnes)

<i>Name of the Commodities</i>	<i>Production</i>
1	2
Rice	74.58
Wheat	54.52
Coarse Grains	33.05
Spices	2.08
Cashewnuts	0.29
Groundnut	7.62
Fruits	28.00
Vegetables	57.80
Cotton	97.59

(lakh bale of 170 kgs. each)

(c) and (d). The following thrust programmes which concentrate on specific crops and areas for increasing production and productivity are being implemented:

- i) Integrated Programme for Rice Development (IPRD).
- ii) Special Foodgrains Production Programme-Wheat (SFPP-Wheat).
- iii) Special Foodgrains Production Programme-Maize and Milletes (SFPP-Maize and Millets).
- iv) Intensive Cotton Development Programme- (ICDP)

v) Elite Progeny Orchards-cum-Nursery Scheme.

vi) Schemes of Re-planting and supply of Quality Planting Material in respect of Small and Large Cardamom.

[Translation]

Starvation due to Shortage of Foodgrains

6808. SHRI SURESHANAND SWAMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be please to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the starvation of the people in certain parts of the country due to shortage of foodgrains;

(b) the areas affected by starvation;

(c) whether there is acute shortage of foodgrains in the country due to which these are being imported; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Starvation due to shortage of foodgrains in any part of country has not been reported to any State Government.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). The stock of Wheat and Rice in the Central pool as on 1.3.92 were of the order of 124.00 lakh tonnes, which is considered adequate to meet the reasonable requirements of the Public Distribution System. However, the Governments have decided to import 1.00 million tonnes of Wheat with a view to increasing its availability and containing the market prices.